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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 554 By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the E.O. Coffman Middle School Lady Panthers Basketball Team upon the completion of a perfect season as Mid-State Girls' Basketball Sectional Tournament Champions.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize athletic teams that work hard, overcome obstacles and win championships; and

WHEREAS, the 1999-2000 E.O. Coffman Middle School Lady Panthers girls' basketball team is clearly one such team of heart and hustle; and

WHEREAS, with fierce determination, the Lady Panthers spent numerous hours practicing and harnessing the abundant talent on the team; and

WHEREAS, despite a rigorous schedule, the Lady Panthers pounced on their opponents and compiled a very rare, unblemished 23-0 overall mark; and

WHEREAS, the players have all played like seasoned veterans, adroitly passing and shooting the ball and playing a stingy defense; they set a fine example, both as athletes and as students; and

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WHEREAS, the outstanding team gave a stellar performance at the Area Tournament held at Summertown High School during the week of January 31 through February 5, 2000.

They finished as one of the top two seeds and advanced to compete in the Sectional Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers traveled to Murfreesboro for the Sectional Tournament and reached the pinnacle of their successful season by rising to victory in the championship game over South Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, through this outstanding accomplishment, the E.O. Coffman Lady Panthers earned the prestigious title of Mid-State Girls' Basketball Sectional Tournament Champions; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded coaches, Karen Hollman and Anthony Flatt, have done a superb job of developing a team whose members are credits to their school and community, both on the court and off; and

WHEREAS, each of the players made a significant contribution to the tremendous success the Lady Panthers have enjoyed. These remarkable young women include: Lauren White, Audrey Stofel, Katelyn Johnston, Riley Moore, Cari Pope, Kristen Spann, Brittney Sandlin, Teka Grayson, Page Glass, Catie Woods, Jessica Tucker, Jessica Hudson, Kim Smith, and Alison Moore; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate this great team on their impeccable season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coaches Karen Hoffman and Anthony Flatt and the E.O. Coffman Middle School girls' basketball team on their stellar, perfect season, which culminated in the team being crowned as the Mid-State Girls' Basketball Sectional Tournament Champions. We wish them much continued success.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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